

W. W. R. Retch, New Bedford.

Sir,

Liverpool 18 Decem. 1816

At the request of our Partner, W. & Arthur Latham who has mentioned you to us with great respect and expresses himself much indebted for the kind attentions he experienced during his visit at New Bedford, we do ourselves the honor of addressing you relative to our Market, and it is with pleasure we can advise you of an amendment in the value of many articles the produce of the United States. Tar has advanced to 15^h @ 17^h per Barrel for Carolina, and to 18^h per Barrel for Surinam. Turpentine to 10^h @ 13^h per cwt. our stock of Tar is still very considerable, that of Turpentine from 8 to 9.000 Barrels. Rosin is now saleable at 9^h per cwt. Querciton Bark has advanced to 20^h @ 25^h for the adv. Philadelphia, and New York Bark to 18^h @ 21^h per cwt. and Flaxseed, of which our stock is very trifling, whilst the demand for crushing is very good, has been sold at 8^h per hhd. W. O. Rhod. & Haves will now bring from £ 18 @ £ 22 and S. D. Barrel from £ 9 @ £ 12 per m. S. Boston ^{Port} Ashes are worth 58^h @ 60^h per cwt. S. D. & New York 57^h and S. Pearls will now bring on account their scarcity, 77^h @ 73^h per cwt. Of Pearls we have not upwards of 400 Barrels in the Market. Wheat & Flour are at present importable for home Consumption and we think will continue so for some months on account of the bad harvest we have had. A cargo of 1750 Barrels of Superfine American Flour which arrived here a few days ago by the Harlequin from New York was sold yesterday at 73^h @ 78^h per Barrel, averaging 74^h per Barrel. Sour Flour is worth 63^h per Barrel. Good Old English Wheat is now selling at 19^h @ 20^h per 70 lbs. New Wheat which is very inferior generally, from 10^h @ 16^h per 70 lbs. Carolina Rice is selling in small quantities to the trade at 40^h @ 45^h per 40 lb. in bond.

The prices of Cotton remain much the same as they have been for some time back: Upland Georgia is selling at 1/5^h @ 1/8^h: New Orleans at 1/6 @ 1/10. Remarkably fine Sea Islands would bring 2/5 @ 2/6: good ones 2/3 @ 2/4, and stained 1/6 @ 2/4 per lb.

Our present stock of all sorts is estimated, and we believe tolerably correctly to amount to about 60,000 Bags. The consumption has been very considerable, but we rather incline to the opinion that Cottons will receive a little when the new crop comes in abundantly.

Our present prices of Tobacco are as follows,

Ord.^{ry} York & Tar River $6\frac{1}{2}$ c $7\frac{3}{4}$

Middling 8 c 10

Good to fine $10\frac{1}{2}$ c $11\frac{1}{2}$

Ord.^{ry} Marylands $7\frac{1}{2}$ c $8\frac{1}{2}$

brown 9 c $9\frac{1}{2}$

Yellow 10 c $11\frac{1}{2}$

Sp^{ts} B. we look upon the future prices as dependant upon the extent of Import. We should esteem ourselves extremely fortunate to be honored with your confidence in the management of any part of your business in this port, in the conducting of which it would be our endeavour to give you very satisfaction.

We are very respectfully

Sir

Your Obed^t Serv^{ts}

Willis & Latham

New York 12 Nov 1818-

Mr William R Rotch Sir/

Since my last I have waited upon
Mr C Lathrop very often & as often got his promises to pay
me the 100 Dollars which he offered for the Machine & has as
often disappointed me & since Capt Wood has been here I got him
to try him for the money which he has got the promise of -

The Cash now in my hands on acc^t of sales you can order as you
please & no doubt the Credit pay^{mt} will be made punctually
when due according to the sales -

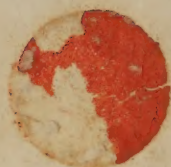
I paid Capt Wood 14 = 26 fourteen & 26/100 Dollars on your acc^t
his last trip, which I forgot to mention in my last -

I could have sold a good deal of Oil of late if I had have had
it, Summer at 8 Cts. & winter at 9/- Whale I could retail at
54 & 55 Cts. - please send me another lot of Oil soon - My Business
has been very good of late, but I can pay every attention to your
Business -

Yours A. L. S.

Ben^d J. Phelps

Oil in the ant. Sals I thought
without doubt the whole quantity of the oil
on your oil interest of the oil Sals



Richmond April 4th 1878

Mr Wm Ketch

Dear Sir

From letters recd of recent date from W. Bedford I find that reports highly unfavorable towards me are in circulation relative to my conduct in dissolving with my late partner G. H. and as the old proverb says one story is always good until the other is told I shall state a few simple facts which may in the minds of the unprejudiced speak as loudly in my behalf as all the rhetoric that could be employed in my case, ^{could,} was it a bad one? — To speak right on in a plain blunt manner I have been engaged in a most unprofitable concern for more than two years, rendered so

in the first instance by an imprudent, unmercantile
act of his in selling goods to a very considerable amount
for Spurious Bank paper, & spending six months after-
wards, in endeavouring to recover it, at an expense
of three or four hundred Dollars more, after this per-
suit was abandoned, he commenced courting which
with two or three other visits to the north has consumed
at least one third of his time ~~ever~~ since the com-
mencement of our business here, in addition to
this when he has been with me his services have
never been worth as much as a boy, that I could
hire for three or 4 hundred Dollars p Annum, he
has at all times thrown the whole burthen of the business
upon me and assumed all the consequence due
to an earl, & to come to the point he was just
the same to me as a sleeping partner without
capital or influence & who that is brought up
to industrious habits, & has an increasing family
to maintain would throw away their services

in support of a partner taking no kind of in-
terest in the business & living at little or no expense
laying up money out of the hard earnings of
another - As to my engaging the town before
the dissolution it is a falsehood. I did not intimate

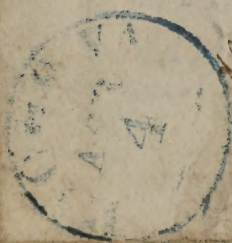
such a thing to the owners of it until 48 Hours
after the dissolution was published, and when
we dissolved I asked Seander who he would
continue with and he told me he should
prefer living with me if I wanted him
as his father told me when he it was his wish
that he should do so in case of a dissolution, I thought
there was nothing unfair in acceding to their wishes.

The fact is Sir the whole family of them are
in arms against me but they cannot injure me
one jot nor tittle, they may probably excite some
prejudices against me at Bedford but in no other quar-
ter do I fear their influence. I had no idea that
I should have ever had occasion to come out in defence
of my

reputation in this manner. I really think that if I
had been rejected by a partner in the manner he has
been the up. I could say about it the better, as I should
be sure that my services had ~~been~~ not been equivalent to his

Wm W. Potter Esq
New Bedford

Massachusetts



but he will know that his prospects are blighted in
a great measure & he has been employing all his energy
to propagate evil reports, in order to build up his
downfall at any expense. With the exception of Mr. Thorne
the correspondents of the firm have given me their business
without any kind of solicitation -
yours with much respect
Lewis Ludlam

Framton April 26. 1818

Dear Sir, I am fearful my frequent address
to you may worry your Patience. But my having
wrote you twice before this without being favoured
with an Answer. has induced me to drop this
in hope it may be more successfull. than the
former, Respecting our little Tour in the Coun-
try as proposed when I last had the Honour
of seeing you in New Bedford. If you are still
determined to take, which I hope you are as I
gave, Geo. Williams, to believe that you would
be up to View & perhaps Purchase his field-
ing, I promised to you in a former letter. # 6. of May
if nigher the middle of the Month, would suit you
better. or no time. be pleased to communicate to
your Friend & obedient servant.

Edw. Padelford

N.B. I must go myself in May.

My dear Sir

Mr. Williams. N. A.

